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SUBJECT: PRC ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING DOCUMENTARY FILM ON BOTSWANA'S
TEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

REF: A. 75 USIA 28707, B. 75 GABORONE 1467,
C. 75 GABORONE 1285

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, E.L. SETSHWAELO MENTIONED THAT A PRC DOCUMENTARY FILM TEAM WOULD BE ARRIVING THIS WEEK TO PRODUCE A FILM ON TEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. PRC HAS AGREED TO PRODUCE FILM AND DONATE IT AS A GIFT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA, APPARENTLY WHILE ALSO RETAINING RIGHTS TO USE IT THEMSELVES. PRC- PRODUCED FILM WILL BE SHOWN THROUGHOUT BOTSWANA AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE PROVIDED TO BOTSWANA EMBASSIES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS SHOWINGS ON BOTSWANA. SETSHWAELO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRC CREDITS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS FILM.

2. SETSHWAELO SAID THAT GOB STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PRODUCE A FILM ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ITSELF TO BE HELD IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

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3. USG WAS APPROACHED PRIOR TO PRC (REFS A AND B) BUT WAS

UNABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO HELP WITH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FILM, REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR THIS AS USG TENTH ANNIVERSARY GIFT. REF C DESCRIBED HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND INDICATES SOME INTEREST BY GOB IN U.S. COMMERCIAL FIRM. ALSO REQUEST INQUIRIES AS TO FEASIBILITY OF THIS OPTION.

4. DCM RECALLS OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY FILM PRODUCTION OF A SIMILAR NATURE BY PAUL F. STARZYNSKI USIS FSSO-2 IN LAOS DURING 1968-70 PERIOD. COULD HE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE?
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